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Plug Up Leaks In U.S. Security

Several days ago a Polish agent who defected to the West disclosed that there are Communist espionage "cells" operating in both the U.S. State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency. The erstwhile Red spy also alleged that Russia's KGB espionage apparatus "has been able to infiltrate all U.S. embassies in important cities abroad and every U.S. agency except the FBI."

This revelation had even more ominous undertones shortly thereafter when David Barnett, Washington bureau chief for North American Newspaper Alliance, reported that 175 State Department employees listed as potential security risks in 1956 are still on the department's payroll.

We wonder if there is a connection between the revelations made by the Polish agent and the information reported by Mr. Barnett. Does the fact a special blue-ribbon panel is now "re-examining" clearances given the 175 security risks in the State Department indicate new doubts about the U.S. security apparatus?

Is it possible that some of these State Department employees are members of the Communist espionage "cells" disclosed by the Pole? Can some of our poor performance in the fields of diplomacy and intelligence be ascribed to Red infiltration of the departments involved?

The questions need answers, and not from a State Department panel that may apply a liberal coat of whitewash to its proceedings. It would appear to be a task for the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

We consider significant the Polish agent's disclosure that the Red spy apparatus has infiltrated every U.S. agency except the FBI. The FBI, it will be noted, is headed by J. Edgar Hoover, the hardest-working and most effective anti-Communist fighter in the United States.

The anti-Communist militancy and vigilance of Mr. Hoover quite obviously need to be emulated by other agency chiefs in government.

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